(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had shortlisted five best locations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The Cabinet has recently approved the Policy for setting up of Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR), and the same is to be notified. The PCPIR is a specifically delineated investment region having an area of about 250 sq. kms. (with atleast 40% area earmarked for processing activities). This region would be a combination of production projects, public utilities, logistics, environmental protection, residential areas and administrative services. The purpose is to encourage global scale investment in petroleum, chemical & petrochemical sectors to accelerate economic growth. The Central Government will consider and approve applications from the State Governments for establishment of PCPIRs in terms of this policy and also facilitate availability of external physical infrastructure linkages including rail, road, ports and airports. Similarly, the State Government, applying for a PCPIR, will ensure that all physical infrastructure and utilities linkages under its jurisdiction are provided.

(c) and (d) The PCPIR Policy is not location specific. Applications received from interested State Governments for setting up PCPIRs are to be considered in terms of the Policy on PCPIR.

Maternal Healthcare Scheme

*268. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:
SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new free Maternal Healthcare Scheme has been launched to benefit women living below poverty line in need of pre-pregnancy care, institutional deliveries, post-natal care, etc; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme and the places where it has been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government has launched the Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), a 100% Centrally sponsored safe motherhood scheme under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), with the objective of reducing maternal and neo-natal mortality by promoting institutional delivery among the poor pregnant women. The scheme is being implemented in all States and UTs. A statement giving the salient features of the scheme is given below.

Statement

Salient features of the Janani Suraksha Yojana

The Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) is a safe motherhood scheme focusing on the poor pregnant women , including those belonging to SC & ST families. Besides maternal care, the scheme provides cash assistance to all eligible mothers for delivery care, JSY has made special dispensation for States having low institutional delivery rate namely the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Orissa, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir. While these States have been classified as Low Performing States (LPS), the remaining States have been named as High Performing States (HPS).

The Yojana has identified ASHA, the accredited social health activist as an effective link between the maternal healthcare provider and the pregnant women in all the low performing State, North-Eastern States and in all tribal districts of the States and UTs. Her main role is to facilitate pregnant women to avail maternal and newborn care services and arrange referral transport.

Eligibility for Cash Assistance:

In LPS States	All pregnant women, including those from SC and ST families, delivering in Government health centres like Sub-centre, PHC/CHC/FRU/general wards of District and State Hospitals or accredited private institutions.
In HPS States	All BPL pregnant women, aged 19 years and above and all pregnant women from SC/ST families delivering in Government health centres like sub-centres PHC/CHC/ FRU/general wards of District and State Hospitals or accredited private institutions, upto two live children.

Scale of Cash Assistance (in Rs.) per institutional delivery:

Category	In Rural Area		In Urban Area	
	Cash assistance to mother	Cash assistance to ASHA	Cash assistance to Mother	Cash assistance to ASHA
In LPS	1400	600	1000	200
In HPS	700		600	

ASHA Package in rural areas includes the following three components:

- Cash assistance for referral transport for pregnant women to go to the nearest health centre for delivery and come back home.
- Balance amount to be paid to ASHA in lieu of the services rendered by her.

The Yojana has made a provision of cash assistance upto to Rs. 1500/- per delivery to Government's health institution to hire specialist for conducting caesarean section or for the management of Obstetric complications, where specialists are not in position.

In all states and UTs, all such BPL pregnant women, aged 19 years and above, preferring to deliver at home is entitled to cash assistance of Rs. 500/- per delivery, upto two live births.

The number of beneficiaries under the Scheme has increased from nearly 6 lakhs in 2005-06 to 21 lakhs in 2007-08.

Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006

*269. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 has still not come into force;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;